

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry/pro-Bush documentary days before the election is an obvious example of the growing dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. It is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But they are not serving the public interest, they are abusing it. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their wallets and less of what is needed for democracy. Instead of something produced at some far away "News Central," it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.